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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED EXAMINING PROCEDURE
GROUP ART UNIT 1733
PATENT APPLICATION
Q60276

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hiroshi UEDA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/633,336

Group Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 2028

Examiner: Steven D. Maki

Filed: August 4, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING PNEUMATIC TIRE

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Pages 3-4, bridging paragraph:

The carved groove may be carved in a substantially triangular shape opened from a tread center side to a tread end gradually widening. The lug groove rib enters the carved groove easily when the mold is closed and a full mold composed of upper and lower split half parts can be

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